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Agenda Item #3f

To: Governing Board, SMBRC
From: Shelley Luce, Executive Director
Subject: Watershed Advisory Council Appointment

Action Requested of the Governing Board:

- Consider appointment of the Marina Del Rey Anglers to the Watershed Advisory Council

Background

The Watershed Advisory Council (WAC) is the broad stakeholder body of the SMBRC. The primary responsibility of the Watershed Advisory Council is to advise the Governing Board on Bay restoration priorities for funding, planning, project implementation, monitoring and further research.

The SMBRC Memorandum of Understanding (MOU, as amended April 19, 2012) authorizes the Governing Board to appoint additional, interested entities to the WAC if the entities meet the following criteria:

Watershed Advisory Council Eligibility Criteria. Existing and potential Watershed Advisory Council members shall be deemed “eligible to serve on the Watershed Advisory Council” if they meet one of the following criteria:

- A federal, state, or local agency active within the Santa Monica Bay watershed
- An incorporated city entirely or partially within the Santa Monica Bay watershed
- A county entirely or partially within the Santa Monica Bay watershed
- A for-profit business that operates entirely or partially within the Santa Monica Bay watershed
- A nonprofit organization that operates entirely or partially within the Santa Monica Bay watershed that is in good standing pursuant to Internal Revenue Code section 501 (c)(3)

(MOU, as amended April 19, 2012, Section III. B., page 7)

The MOU requires a qualified organization to take the following steps toward being nominated and voted onto the WAC:

Additional entities that would like to become a member of the Watershed Advisory Council and that meet the eligibility criteria shall forward a letter of interest to the Governing Board with a resolution from the interested entity’s governing body (board of directors, etc.) authorizing the entity to seek membership and designating the entity’s

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representative to the Watershed Advisory Council. The Governing Board may, by majority vote at its next regularly-scheduled meeting, consider election of the requesting entity to the Watershed Advisory Council.

(MOU, as amended April 19, 2012, Section III. B., page 6)

The Marina Del Rey Anglers (MDRA) has requested appointment to the WAC based on its qualifications and prior work within the Santa Monica Bay watershed. The MDRA was founded in 1975 and incorporated in 1986 as a non-profit organization in good standing pursuant to Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The MDRA's purpose is to promote fishing activities and environmental conservation. The organization runs the oldest fishing competition on the west coast, which helps to fund its philanthropic and conservation activities. The MRDA also operates a white seabass nursery.

The MDRA meets the eligibility criteria for WAC membership. An introductory letter confirming its board's resolution to apply for membership, and non-profit eligibility information have been provided by MDRA and are attached to this memorandum.